

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Brown et al.** § Group Art Unit: **3623**
Serial No.: **10/617,528** §
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In response to the Final Office Action of September 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.